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GIFTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(This report covers the period from June 1 of the preceding calendar year through June 1 of this year and is due on June 30)

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1	DONOR	2	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	3	DATE REC'D	4	GIFT VALUE	5	AGG. VALUE
	The Nature Conservancy		Airtare to attend & present at a Conservation Conference in Australia		Dec 12-14		\$1400		1400
	World Wildlife Fund		Tuition, accomodation + meals at the Conference mentioned above		Dec 12-14		\$400		400
									<u>1800</u>

Gift Disclosure Statement:

Dec. 12-14 /06, I, Randy Kennedy participated in the World Wildlife Fund (WWF)/ The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Ecoregional Assessment Peer Review Workshop. TNC have been working on an update to their Hawaii Terrestrial Ecoregional Plan. DOFAW have been involved in this process for many years with my predecessor then myself providing State input on the Plan. I have participated in several of these terrestrial ecoregional planning workshops in Hawaii over the last 7 years.

TNC provided airfare --approximately \$1400; The World Wildlife Fund covered lodging, meals, ground transportation for all participants—approximately \$400. The donor initiated the offer of the trip - **see attached invitation**. The Hawaii team flew coach/economy class. No State of Hawaii per diem was paid. The State paid my salary on this approved trip. I took three vacation days while in Australia for pre- workshop field trips.

I do not feel this is a gift as it is part of our partnership strategic planning process. The Ethics Commission staff, whom I sought guidance from before agreeing to the trip, did not see a conflict but advised I do a gift disclosure statement to be beyond reproach.

The reason being is that I have, on behalf of the DLNR Chairperson, managed since 1999 the Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP), of which TNCH lands are enrolled/recipient of funding. The State does provide NAPP funds to TNC but, in the spirit of Partnership, they contribute greatly to our goals, particularly in areas they are very good at such as environmental education and ecoregional planning.

It was appropriate I went on this trip as manager of the Natural Areas Program, it is my charge to manage natural areas in Hawaii on an ecoregional basis. Working closely with non-profits entities, such as WWF and TNC who have similar mission, increases our capacity to meet that mandate. If the State's gift law had prohibited this trip, DLNR would have provided the for the trip. I do not have any personal interest in TNC or the WWF.

INVITATION

Dear Randall,

On behalf of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), we are pleased to personally invite you to attend our **Ninth Ecoregion Peer Review Workshop**. We expect to have 8 ecoregion teams from WWF and TNC, and 40-60 staff from these and other partner organizations join us in Brisbane, Australia, from December 12-14, 2004.

Ecoregional assessments or visions - along with the standards that support them - are the foundation of our shared, ecoregion-based conservation approach. Ecoregional Peer Review workshops are designed to enable participating teams to present and receive feedback on their assessment workplans and products with peers, learn from each other, harvest best practices and lessons learned, address key challenges in an open, collegial atmosphere and enjoy some much-needed fun!

Eight ecoregion teams have been invited to this workshop, including:

- **TransFly Grasslands and Savannas** (WWF – Michele Bowe, Lead)
- **Palau** (TNC – Andrew Smith, Lead)
- **Bismarck-Solomon Seas** (WWF – Lisette Wilson, Lead)
- **Hawai'i** (TNC – Sam Gon, Lead)
- **New Caledonia Dry Forests** (WWF – Hubert Geraux, Lead)
- **Sulawesi** (TNC – Marcy Summers, Lead)
- **Fiji Island Marine** (WWF – Etika Rupeni, Lead)
- **Federated States of Micronesia** (TNC – Bill Raynor, Lead)

As the dates of the workshop are drawing near, we would like you to reserve the dates for this workshop and begin looking into travel arrangements. We are finalizing accomodation details, and will provide that information and a web-based invitation to each of you once the hotel is confirmed. World Wildlife Fund will cover expenses incurred while at the workshop (food, board and meeting facilities), from the evening of December 11 upon your arrival, to the morning of December 15.

Please feel free to contact me (adam.tomasek@wwfus.org) with any questions you might have in the meantime. We look forward to seeing you